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July 29, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

28 July 29, 2014

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT CONTRIBUTION OF
HIGHWAYS-THROUGH-CITIES FUNDING AND
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
VERMONT AVENUE AND 119TH STREET TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS
IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF WEST ATHENS
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)
(4 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize Highways-Through-Cities financial assistance to the City of Los Angeles and to approve and advertise the Vermont Avenue and 119th Street Traffic Improvements project in the City of Los Angeles and in the unincorporated community of West Athens; find the project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; adopt Resolution No. 3952 and the plans and specifications; authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid; deliver the project; and delegate certain responsibilities to the Director of Public Works or her designee to carry out this project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 3952 finding that the project is of general County interest and that County of Los Angeles aid in the form of Highways-Through-Cities funds in the amount of \$177,000 plus up to an additional 10 percent or \$17,700 for unforeseen costs that may occur, for a total of up to

\$194,700, shall be provided to the City of Los Angeles to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the Highway Users Tax.

3. Approve and advertise the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in the Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for traffic improvements, at an estimated construction contract cost between \$450,000 and \$600,000.
4. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to determine whether the bid of the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest apparent responsive bid is, in fact, responsive and, if not responsive, to determine which apparent responsible contractor submitted the lowest responsive bid.
5. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement, and which are to be received before 11 a.m. on August 26, 2014, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.
6. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within the estimated cost range and deliver the project.
7. Delegate to the Director of Public Works or her designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (1) approve and execute change orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works under Section 2.18.050 of the Los Angeles County Code relative to the construction of County buildings; (2) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in Public Contract Code Sections 4100 et seq. and 5100 et seq., respectively; (3) accept the project upon its final completion; (4) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of Public Contract Code Sections 7107 and 9203; and (5) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of Public Contract Code Section 4104.5.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is for the Board to approve and advertise the project; adopt Resolution No. 3952 and the plans and specifications; authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid; deliver the project; and delegate certain responsibilities to the Director or her designee to carry out this project.

Additionally, Board adoption of the enclosed resolution approves a County of Los Angeles contribution of Highways-Through-Cities (HTC) funds of \$177,000 plus up to an additional 10 percent or \$17,700 for unforeseen costs that may occur for a total of up to \$194,700; and Safe Routes to School Program funds of \$104,700 to finance the City of Los Angeles' jurisdictional share of the project cost.

Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code provide that the Board of Supervisors of any County may, by a resolution adopted by a four-fifths vote of its members, determine that certain types of road improvements are of general County interest and that County aid shall be extended therefor.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Integrated Service Delivery (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help achieve these goals by providing improved traffic flow for the traveling public, which will benefit the City and community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction contract cost to complete this project is in the range of \$450,000 to \$600,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$1,141,400. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, consultant services, survey, utility clearance, materials testing, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, City construction permit, and other County services, including right-of-way acquisition and extensive coordination with the City.

This project will be administered utilizing State transportation grant funding under the Safe Routes to School Program (SR2S) under existing County/State Master Agreement No. 77276. Under this program, the maximum eligible project cost amount of \$401,900 will be financed using the State Grant funds.

A portion of this project is within the City. The City's jurisdictional share of the project cost, estimated to be \$281,700, will be financed by a \$177,000 County HTC contribution, with the remaining \$104,700 to be financed with State SR2S grant funds.

Funding for this project is included in the Second Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Road Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The enclosed resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

This project is part of the Department of Public Works' ongoing program for transportation system management. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 45 working days. It is estimated the work will start in November 2014 and be completed in February 2015.

Delegating to the Director or her designee the authority to award and execute this construction contract allows an expedited contracting process to obtain a contractor for the traffic improvements.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The award of the contract will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board

Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the Los Angeles County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Sections 15301(c) and (f) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 1, Subsections (x)(5), (x)(14), and (x)(22) of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by the Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for installation of new traffic signal systems; reconstruction of existing roadway pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalk, drive aprons, and drainage structures in place; removal of two trees within a 500-foot-long road segment; and maintenance of existing roadway facilities.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. A recommendation for award by the Director or her designee will be made upon review of the bids meeting the criteria established by the Board and the State Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing improved traffic flow thereby benefiting the City and community.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and one copy of the resolution to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The script is cursive and fluid.

GAIL FARBER
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)

**RESOLUTION 3952 FOR COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO CONTRIBUTE
HIGHWAYS-THROUGH-CITIES FUNDING TO
THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles (hereinafter referred to as CITY), and the County of Los Angeles (hereinafter referred to as COUNTY), desire to install traffic improvements at Vermont Avenue and 119th Street intersection that consist of a three-way traffic signal, a left-turn pocket on northbound Vermont Avenue, median modifications, pedestrian crossings, and safety lighting (hereinafter referred to as PROJECT);

WHEREAS, COUNTY proposes to design and construct PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, PROJECT is located and will be utilized within the jurisdictional limits of CITY and COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, PROJECT is of general interest to CITY and COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, the total PROJECT cost is estimated to be One Million One Hundred Forty-One Thousand Four Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,141,400.00) with the CITY'S share of the PROJECT currently estimated to be Two Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Seven Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$281,700.00), and COUNTY'S share of PROJECT currently estimated to be Eight Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$859,700.00); and

WHEREAS, COUNTY received Safe Routes to School Program Grant funds in the amount of Four Hundred One Thousand Nine Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$401,900.00) for the PROJECT, with Two Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Two Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$297,200.00) toward COUNTY'S share of PROJECT, and One Hundred Four Thousand Seven Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$104,700.00) toward CITY'S share of PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY'S share of the total PROJECT cost will be financed with Safe Routes to School Program Grant funds in the amount of Two Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Two Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$297,200.00), and Five Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$562,500.00) from the Road Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles intends to contribute Highways-Through-Cities funds estimated in the amount of One Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$177,000.00) toward CITY'S share of PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, such a proposal is authorized and provided for by the provisions of Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code; and

SECTION 1. The PROJECT is of general COUNTY interest and COUNTY aid shall be extended therefore.

SECTION 3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to approve up to 10 percent of the COUNTY'S estimated Highways-Through-Cities funds in the amount of Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$17,700.00) for any costs of unforeseen items that may occur, thereby increasing the maximum COUNTY'S Highways-Through-Cities contribution from One Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$177,000.00) to One Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Seven Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$194,700.00).

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The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the 29th day of July, 2014, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessments and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.



SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By Carla Little
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN F. KRATTLI
County Counsel

By [Signature]
Deputy

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